

Empirical Investigations in International Trade

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California

Friday, October 6, 2006

All sessions in the Energy Room

7:00 – 9:00 a.m. Breakfast Buffet

Session 1

Chair: David Hummels, Purdue University

9:00 – 10:00 a.m. “Human Resource Management Technology Diffusion through Global Supply Chains: Productivity and Workplace Based Health Care” [\(pdf\)](#)

➤ Drusilla K. Brown–Tufts University

Discussant: Hiroyaki Kasahara –University of Western Ontario

10:00 – 11:00 a.m. “Downsizing, Layoffs and Plant Closures: The Impacts of Import Price Pressure and Technological Growth on UL Textile Producers” [\(pdf\)](#)

➤ Patrick Conway–University of North Carolina

Discussant: Teresa Cyrus – Dalhousie University

11:00 – 11:15 a.m. Break – Beverages provided

11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. “Explaining Import Variety and Quality: The Role of the Income Distribution” [\(pdf\)](#)

➤ Chong Xiang–Purdue University

Discussant: John Romalis – University of Chicago

12:15 – 2:00 p.m. Lunch Buffet

Session 2

Chair: William Hutchinson – Vanderbilt University

- 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. “A Model of Trade with Quality Choice” ([pdf](#))
 ➤ John Romalis–University of Chicago
 Discussant: David Hummels – Purdue University
- 3:00 –3:15 p.m. Break – Snacks and beverages provided
- 3:15 – 4:15 p.m. “The Impact of Trade Liberalization on Productivity Within ([pdf](#))
 and Across Industries: Theory and Evidence”
 ➤ Phillip McCalman–University of California, Santa Cruz
 Discussant: Patrick Conway – University of North Carolina
- 4:15 – 5:15 p.m. “Airplanes and Price Volatility” ([pdf](#))
 ➤ Georg Schaur–Purdue University
 Discussant: Donald Davis – Columbia University

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Saturday, October 7, 2006

All sessions in the Energy Room

7:00 – 9:00 a.m. Breakfast Buffet

Session 3

Chair: Eugene Beaulieu – University of Calgary

- 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. “Consistent Policy Aggregation” ([pdf](#))
 ➤ James E. Anderson–Boston College
 Discussant: Eric O’N Fisher – California Polytechnic State Univ.
- 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. “Putting the Lid on Lobbying: Tariff Structure and Long-Term ([pdf](#))
 Growth when Protection is for Sale”
 ➤ Nathan Nunn–University of British Columbia
 Discussant: Eugene Beaulieu – University of Calgary

11:00 – 11:15 a.m.	Break – Beverages provided	
11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	<p>“Rising Wage Inequality in the Argentinean Manufacturing Sector: The Impact of Trade and Foreign Investment on Technology and Skill Upgrading”</p> <p>➤ Paula Bustos–Harvard University</p> <p><i>Discussant: Phil McCalman – Univ. of California at Santa Cruz</i></p>	(pdf)
12:30 – 2:00 p.m.	<p>Lunch</p> <p>Keynote Speaker: Samuel Kortum, University of Chicago</p> <p>Title: “Structural Estimation and Trade: The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly”</p>	

Session 4

Chair: M. Scott Taylor – University of Calgary

2:00– 3:00 p.m.	<p>“Firm Heterogeneity, Acquisition Incentives, and Trade Liberalization”</p> <p>➤ Alan C. Spearot–University of Wisconsin</p> <p><i>Discussant: Matilde Bombardini – University of British Columbia</i></p>	(pdf)
3:00 – 3:15 p.m.	Break – Snacks and beverages provided	
3:15 – 4:15 p.m.	<p>“FDI as an Outcome of the Market for Corporate Control: Theory and Evidence”</p> <p>➤ Keith Head–University of British Columbia</p> <p><i>Discussant: Andreas Waldkirch – Colby College</i></p>	(pdf)
4:15 – 5:15 p.m.	<p>“Do Tariffs Matter for the Extensive Margin of International Trade? An Empirical Analysis”</p> <p>➤ Peter Debaere–University of Virginia</p> <p><i>Discussant: Nathan Nunn – University of British Columbia</i></p>	(pdf)

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Sunday, October 8, 2006

All sessions in the Energy Room

7:00 – 9:00 a.m. Breakfast Buffet

Session 5

Chair: Jon Haveman – Public Policy Institute of California

9:00 – 10:00 a.m. “Import Protection as Export Destruction” [\(pdf\)](#)

➤ Hiroyaki Kasahara–University of Western Ontario

Discussant: Drusilla Brown – Tufts University

10:00 – 11:00 a.m. “Relativity in Trade Theory: Towards a Solution to the Mystery of Missing Trade” [\(pdf\)](#)

➤ Eric O’N Fisher–California Polytechnic State Univ.

Discussant: Samuel Kortum – University of Minnesota

11:00 – 11:15 a.m. Break – Beverages provided

11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. “Optimal Tariffs: The Evidence” [\(pdf\)](#)

➤ Nuno Limao–University of Maryland

Discussant: Peter Debaere – University of Virginia

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